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SUBJECT: SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN CANADA AND
U.S.

1. INTELSAT SECRETARY GENERAL, HAVING LEARNED OF DOD
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM U.S. COMMON CARRIERS FOR PROVI-
SION SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN STATION AT HALL
BEACH, CANADA AND CONTINENTAL U.S., HAS WRITTEN DEPARTMENT
AND GOC DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (MR. M. F. YALDEN,
DEPUTY MINISTER) CALLING ATTENTION TO POSSIBILITY SUCH LINK
MIGHT FALL WITHIN PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XIV(D) OF INTELSAT
AGREEMENT. ARTICLE XIV(D) COVERS INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FURNISHED ON NON-INTELSAT
FACILITIES AND CALLS FOR CONSULTATION WITH ASSEMBLY OF
PARTIES THROUGH BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

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2. USG HAS DETERMINED THAT DOD REQUIREMENT IS NECESSARY
SOLELY TO SATISFY NATIONAL SECURITY PURPOSES AND THAT
ARTICLE XIV(G) OF INTELSAT AGREEMENT IS APPLICABLE TO
SITUATION. ARTICLE XIV(G) EXEMPTS FROM PURVIEW INTELSAT
AGREEMENT USE OF FACILITIES SEPARATE FROM THOSE OF INTELSAT

FOR NATIONAL SECURITY PURPOSES.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM DOC OF USG VIEWS AND TO
SUGGEST THAT DOC RESPOND TO SECRETARY GENERAL'S LETTER

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT USG POSITION. PLEASE ADVISE DOC
POSITION ASAP.
ROBINSON

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